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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on April 28, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action (Notification of Reasons for Refusal) dated August 5, 2008 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No.2003-281850, in which the following documents were cited:

JP 2001-299684 A, which is being submitted with an English language Abstract thereof;

JP 9-019403 A, which is being submitted with an English language Abstract thereof;

JP 2000-166936 A, which is being submitted with an English language Abstract thereof;

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JP 2000-262462 A, which is being submitted with an English language Abstract thereof.

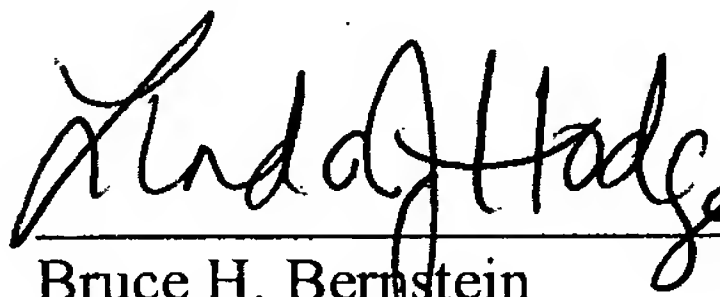
The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, including an English language translation thereof, is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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